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From the Christian Keenake for 1838.

REFLECTION.

BY WILLIAM G. CLARK.

Well, the bright hours have come and gone,
Which glow in gorgeous hues arrayed,
I hear no more the viol's tone—
That from the moonlight forest shade,
"Planted the night-bird's serenade!"
Sweet warbler or thy folded wing!
Thy soothing melodies I hear,
Like the first anthem born of spring,
Or voice from a happier sphere.

The calmness of this gentle scene
Is holy—passionless—divine;
And gazing on the waving green
Of glimmering spray of distant pine,
"Where many a wreath of ivy twine—"
Gazing on these I melt, I burn;
New strength my drooping spirits feel;
As to yon glorious vaults I turn,
Where worlds in dazzling orbits wheel.

Spirit of Night, thy power profound,
I feel too deeply and too well;
O'er the hushed spheres around,
Thy brooding wings in silence dwell;
Thy dim secrets who can tell?
Perchance the pinions of the Dead
Now fan me with their plumage pale,
As if some angel's robe was spread
In airy dalliance with the gale.

Yet while my fancy wakes, and springs
Up from the stream, the tree, the cloud,
Some voice divine, inspiring, sings
The grandeur and the power of God!
Lo! at his voice the forests nod,
The whirlwind rushes from his lair—
The burdened clouds in darkness ride;
And the bright rainbow, high and fair,
Bends smiling o'er the torrent's side!

Yes! in his breath, the summer clouds
Their rich and drapery expand,
And round the sunset float in crowds,
Like banners of the spirit land,
Burne o'er some high celestial band,
And when I read the written sky,
Fretted with signs of Golden Age,
To God my spirit eagerly
And kindling thoughts aloft aspire.

And shall my heart refuse to join
The stars, the sky, his name to praise?
Shall these far-spreading spheres around,
Pour down their multitude of rays,
While my dull voice no hymn can raise
To the great Source of love and grace?
Arise, my soul! and let the songs
Devotion's heavenly strength put on;
So shall I reach those crystal springs,
Which flow beneath the Eternal's throne.
Philadelphia, May, 1837.

Extract from an Address delivered before the Berkshire Agricultural Society, at their twenty-seventh Anniversary, Oct. 15, 1837. By J. B. L.

Allow me to make a farther digression, to speak of a means of improving our husbandry, which is too much neglected, and too often contemned and ridiculed. I allude to what is sometimes, in derision, termed *book farming*, but which in reality, offers the most substantial facilities to improvement, and the acquisition of wealth. Let us enquire what this book farming is.

A German, by means of study and observation, aided by a long course of practical experience in husbandry, has been able to ascertain the degree of exhaustion in fertility, which soils ordinarily undergo, from the growth of common grain crops—and how much their fertility is increased by given quantities of manures, and by pasture—thus teaching how to maintain, or to increase, the fertility of the soil, and consequently its products and its profits, from the resources of the farm.

Other men have been assiduously engaged for years, in studying, and have satisfactorily ascertained, the laws by which heat, air and water, are made to exert their best agency in preparing the food, and accelerating the growth and maturity of plants—and have published directions how to derive the highest advantage from those primary agents of nutrition.

And others have invented new and improved implements of machinery, calculated to relieve agricultural labor of half its toils.

A farmer in Ohio, raises fifteen hundred bushels of Swedish turnips on an acre of ground, enough to feed and fatten ten bullocks seventy-five days. A farmer in Massachusetts, by a new mode of managing his corn crop, has realized a net profit of \$150, on a little more than 1 acre of land, while his neighbors, in the same season and in adjoining fields, have not been remunerated, in their crop, for the expense of culture. A farmer in New York, has proved by experiment, that by a new process of making hay, he can save ten per cent in weight, something in labor, and other ten per cent in the quality of his forage. Another farmer of my acquaintance, has cultivated twenty acres of Indian corn, and eight acres of beans the present season, the former estimated to average forty bushels the acre, and the latter giving more than an ordinary yield—without employing a plough, or a hand hoe, in the planting or culture—the whole work having been performed with the drill harrow and cultivator, implements of modern introduction, thus economizing from one-half to two-thirds of the labor ordinarily bestowed.

These are all matters of recent record, but

as they happen to be printed, they very properly fall under the denomination of *book farming*. But are they, on this account, less true, or is the information they contain less useful in your practice? If a neighbor makes palpable improvement, by which he doubles the value of his labor, you readily avail yourselves of his discovery, though you do it by stealth. Through the means of agricultural publications, the entire farming community stand in the relation to you of neighbors—you become acquainted with their improvements, and are enabled to profit by their skill and science. I might detain you for hours with details of improvements in husbandry, which are essential and accessible to the farmer. Hundreds of men of profound science, and thousands of the best practical farmers, in this and other countries, are engaged in improving agriculture—in making two, three and four blades of grass, and two, three and four bushels of grain grow, where but one blade, or one bushel, grew before; and they are tendering you the benefits of their labors, in the agricultural works of the day. The accumulated experience, and the improvements of centuries, have been registered by the press, and their benefits are tendered to all who will read and profit by them, almost without money and without price. He that will read may learn.

ENTERPRISE IS WEALTH. So true is it that mechanical ingenuity, enterprise and skill are, to a great extent, capable of preponderating against numbers, in almost every thing that contributes to the efficient power of the State, when that ingenuity and art will become the allies of science, and walk and work in the light which the lamp of science sheds. Thus it is obvious that a practical mechanic, who has acquired so much of the mathematical and physical sciences as to enable him to carry on the details of his trade, to the greatest possible advantage;—the scientific man, who converts his knowledge to a practical use, by applying it to mechanical operations;—the capitalist, who calls forth the dormant energies of iron mines, and gives profitable employment to the strength of streams that have for ages been running to waste;—the artisan, who constructs a piece of operative machinery, or who superintends and directs its movements;—the merchant, who sends manufactures abroad for a market—all these in their respective departments, contribute something, and not a little to the prosperity and protection of the essential interests of the State. The influence of each of these men is felt beyond the immediate circle of his operations. He is making the State stronger; making other States her debtor; and is putting forth an efficient power, to preponderate against two or ten men in another State, are laboring with no other implements than their hands, and those simple mechanical aids which are furnished in the family or in the field, where the arts are only in their infancy. [Pierpont.

AGRICULTURE.

It is related, that a certain Chinese Emperor, when a rich mine had been discovered and opened in his dominions, ordered it to be shut; alleging that it would injure the public, by diverting the people from the industrious pursuits of husbandry. The imperial mandate was not so chimerical and unreasonable as most people might think it to be. Any thing that tends to a general relaxation of industry is a public evil, and even though it bring temporary riches, would be sure to terminate in poverty. The acquisition of the Spanish mines rendered the Spaniards first rich, then lazy, and finally poor. And if there are now vastly rich and extensive mines (a thing not impossible) within the United States, far distant be the inauspicious day that shall discover them to the inhabitants. The discovery of such mines would be a great national calamity, as they would become a substitute for industry, and would tend, first to idleness, pride, and luxury and ultimately to national poverty and wretchedness;—and more particularly as they would draw off the attention of people from cultivating the surface of the earth, which is an infinitely better source of national wealth, than digging gold from its bowels. In such a vast agricultural country as ours, husbandry ought to be the first and principal occupation, which should employ at least nine tenths of its male inhabitants. And men who would be expert and excellent farmers, must make this their only calling; for it is a business that requires study and forethought, and daily care and attention.

A number of lawyers in a certain State and county, were one evening discussing the legal talents of the more advanced among them. One, who was not then present, had been for years in the habit of *shaking hands* with his brandy bottle, and the natural consequence was that he had a very crimson face. One of the gentlemen present observed that, in his opinion, the absent brother, above alluded to, was unquestionably the *deepest red* (read) lawyer in the country.

Miss**** was of a large party, when a gentleman of the name Homer suddenly withdrew himself from the company. Homer's odd-1-see, said one of the company. Upon which, Miss**** replied, 'Homer's ill, I-add.'

THUS I THINK.

From Locke's Miscellaneous papers, published in his Life by Lord King.

It is a man's proper business to seek happiness and avoid misery. Happiness consists in what delights and contents the mind; misery in that which disturbs, discomposes, or torments it.

I will therefore make it my business to seek satisfaction and delights and avoid uneasiness and disquiet; to have as much of the one and as little of the other as may be.

But here I must have a care I mistake not: for if I prefer a short pleasure to a lasting one, it is plain I cross my own happiness.

Let me see then wherein consists the most lasting pleasure of this life, and that, as far as I can observe, is in three things.

1st. Health—without which no sensual pleasure can have any relish.

2d. Reputation—for that I find every body is pleased with, and the want of it is a constant torment.

3d. Knowledge—for the little knowledge I have, I find I would not sell at any rate, nor part with for any other pleasure.

4th. Doing Good—for I find the well-cooked meat I ate to-day does now no more delight me, nay, I am distressed after a full meal; the perfume I smelt yesterday now no more affects me with any pleasure: but the good turn I did yesterday, a year or seven years since, continues still to please and delight me as often as I reflect on it.

5th. The expectation of eternal and incomprehensible happiness in another world is that also which carries a constant pleasure with it.

If, then, I will faithfully pursue that happiness I propose to myself whatever pleasure offers itself to me, I must carefully look that it cross not any of those five great and constant pleasures above mentioned. For example, the fruit I eat tempts me with taste of it that I love; but if it endanger my health, I part with a constant and lasting for a very short and transient pleasure, and so foolishly make myself unhappy, and therefore am not true to my own interest.

Innocent diversions delight me; if I make use of them to refresh myself after study and business, they preserve my health, restore the vigor of my mind, and increase my pleasure; but if I spend all or the greater part of my time in them, they hinder my improvement in knowledge and the useful arts, they blast my credit, and give me up to the uneasy state of shame, ignorance and contempt, in which I cannot but be very unhappy. Drinking, gaming and vicious delights will do me this mischief, not only by wasting my time, but by a positive injury endanger my health, impair my parts, imprint ill habits, lessen my esteem, and leave a constant and lasting torment on my conscience;—therefore all vicious and unlawful pleasures I will avoid, because such a mastery of my passions will afford me a constant pleasure, greater than any such enjoyments, and also to deliver me from the certain evil of several kinds, that by indulging myself in a present temptation I shall certainly afterwards suffer.

All innocent diversions and delights, as far as they will contribute to my health, and consist with my improvement, condition, and my other more solid pleasures of knowledge and reputation, I will enjoy, but no farther; and this I will carefully watch and examine, that I may not be deceived by the flattery of a present pleasure to lose a greater.

Nil Admirari.—There is no single propensity in the human mind which operates so powerfully as a drawback upon intellectual improvement, and the impartial exercise of human reason as the propensity of wonder and admiration. Man seems to be endowed with a natural predisposition to undervalue his own powers, and those of his common acquaintance, and in a still greater degree to over-estimate the powers and of certain noted individuals, denominated *great men*. Go into a small circle, into your own neighborhood, whether you live in the city or the country, where the members are engaged in a political colloquy—and you seldom hear discussion of principles. You will hear nothing but eulogies of the wonderful powers of Mr. Webster, Mr. Clay, Mr. Benton, Mr. Rives, and other worthies on both sides of the political controversy.—Here you see millions of republican citizens wasting their words in fulsome eulogies upon men, who are but little wiser than ordinary citizens whom we daily meet without dreaming that they are entitled to more than ordinary esteem. Yet this propensity to admire the distinguished leaders of our own party is almost invariably associated with an equally strong propensity to undervalue and despise the leaders of the opposite party. We recollect some years since, of witnessing an affray between a Kentuckian and a Yankee, which ended in drawing knives upon one another, the cause of which was a dispute concerning the comparative greatness of Clay and Webster. An individual, whose mind is sufficiently one-sided to be an idolater of the great men of his own party, is sure to be a sovereign contemner of the great men of the opposite party. You seldom find an idolater of Webster, who can be persuaded that Mr Benton deserves to be ranked

ed common level of mediocrity. The same obliquity of mind which leads them to believe that Webster is more than a mortal, causes them to believe the assertions of Benton's calumniators, who tell them that the latter is nothing but a swaggerer. Yet Benton, it is well known, has fought single-handed, almost, against Webster, Clay and Calhoun, in the Senate, for many years past, while he was in a minority. He would scarcely have been able to do this, if he was not at least a party nearly equal match for any one of them. The advice which we would administer to our fellow-citizens, who are victims to this admiring propensity, is, to check their raptures when they are reading the common-place productions of their idols—and their credulity, when they are listening to the detractions of party journals. Place more reliance upon your own judgment in all matters—entertain a better opinion of yourselves—and a worse opinion of those who undertake to be your leaders. Suffer yourselves neither to admire, nor absolutely to despise, any body. By this habit your prejudices will be softened, and your judgment strengthened.—Boston Statesman

Degrees of Greatness. The greatness of the warrior is poor and low compared with the magnanimity of virtue. It vanishes before the greatness of principle. The martyr to humanity, to freedom, or religion; the unshrinking adherent of despised and deserted truth; who alone, unsupported and scorned, with no crowd to infuse into him courage, no variety of objects to draw his thoughts from himself, no opportunity of effort or resistance to rouse and nourish energy, still yields himself calmly, resolutely, with invincible philanthropy, to bear prolonged and exquisite suffering, which one retracting word might remove, such a man is as much superior to the warrior, as the tranquil and boundless heavens above us to the low earth we tread beneath our feet.—Wm. Ellery Channing.

DEMOCRACY. The contempt manifested by the Federal party, emboldened by a momentary triumph, for Democracy, which is but another name for government by the people, should excite fearful apprehensions in the bosom of every true patriot. It reveals—that we have all along suspected—that there is a large party in this country, who are not only opposed to a particular administration and to certain measures, but to the very principles of our Government. And what reason, we ask, have we to be disgusted with Democracy? Has it not advanced this country to a place in the family of nations, which is the envy and admiration of the world? Has it not developed the resources, both moral and physical, of our people in a degree and with a rapidity which are almost incredible? Does the history of the world present a similar example? In the short lapse of half a century, our population has more than twice doubled itself. The number of States has actually doubled itself since the formation of the Constitution. Our cities rival in population and grandeur those of the old world. Our ships written every sea, and crowd every port. Our people are diffused over a territory almost large enough for a continent, the different portions of which are rapidly connecting themselves by railroads and canals, which leave all similar works in other countries at an humble distance. The spectacle of improvement is almost to vast for contemplation, too marvellous for belief.

All this has been effected by the power of Democracy, and with most success in those States where that power has been most triumphant. The disasters which we have lately experienced are but temporary. They cannot crush a people animated by the spirit of liberty. They have proceeded, too, from an influence to which the Democracy have always been opposed, and against which they are still striving with all the energy of patriotism.—Globe.

From the Nantucket Inquirer.

Peruvian Antiquities.—Capt. Benjamin Bay of this town, commander of ship Logan, recently arrived at New Bedford from the South Seas, procured while on the coast of Peru some singular relics, the circumstances under which they were found rendering them peculiarly curious and interesting. His ship touched at the port of Guernsey in Truxillo, about lat. 10. S. the inhabitants of which have discovered in their immediate vicinity, the subterranean remains of an ancient city, from which they have dug out many remarkable vestiges of former generations—and concerning whose history or fate no remembrance or even tradition survives. He visited the site, where the excavations were still in progress, and personally examined sections of the ruins as had already been penetrated. The walls of numerous edifices were still standing, several human bodies had been exhumed, and many household implements and other articles of various descriptions brought to light.

The bodies were in a wonderful state of preservation, the hair, the nails and integuments remaining entire as in life, and the muscular structure but little shrunk, though perfectly exsiccated, the effects, possibly, of the nitrous properties of the circumjacent soil. The positions in which these mummies were found, leave no doubt that the population, who are supposed

to have numbered some 30,000, were overwhelmed in the midst of their ordinary occupation by some sudden and terrible convulsion of nature. The corpse of a man was found in an erect attitude, amidst whose dress were sundry coins, which were sent to Lima, where it was decided after minute inspection, that, at least two hundred and fifty years must have transpired since the occurrence of the fatal catastrophe.

In one of the buried houses Capt. R. saw the body of a female in a sitting posture wrapped in a loose cotton robe, who, when overtaken by the common calamity must have been engaged in weaving, with the materials of her vocation, in her hands and around her. A small piece of cloth, partly woven, was stretched before her upon a sort of reed frame, and in one hand she held a sharp thorn 8 or 10 inches in length, on which was wound a quantity of fine cotton thread of a light brown color; parcels of cotton and worsted yarns of various colors were also lying near. Capt. R. procured the unfinished fabric, the thorn or spindle and several samples of the threads. The finished portion of the cloth is about eight inches square, and apparently embraces just one half of the originally intended dimensions.

A Wife's Points.—A wife should have nine qualifications which begin with the letter P, viz: Prettiness, Precision, Prudence, Penetration, Perseverance, Piety, Patience, Politeness, and Portion. That which should be first of all and most of all in consideration, is now-a-days last of all—and that which should be last of all in consideration, which is portion, is now become first of all, most of all, and with some all in all.

Many years since an action was brought in this State for a tract of land, by five plaintiffs; and it was alleged in the writ that three of them were non compos, who sued by their guardian. The action was defended by Joseph Bartlet, Esq. He began his defence in the following direct and musical manner, much to the edification and amusement of all who heard him:—"Gentlemen of the jury, my client has been in peaceable possession of the land sued for, ever since he was a boy; and the plaintiffs have no pretence for disturbing him. Three of them confess on the face of the writ that they are non compos, and the one who had no guardian, also, they never would have commenced this action."

Doctor Goldsmith, one evening, went to the club in high spirits, and rubbing his hands, told Doctor Johnson that he had discovered a single adjective which distinguished man from all other animals—namely this "*Man is a cooking animal*": while all other animals eat their food raw.—"Oh!" said Doctor Johnson "now I perceive the good sense of the old proverb.—There is reason in roasting eggs."

Words and Ideas.—Young writers should always be careful of one thing, to let their words be the vehicles of ideas. This may seem a common place remark, yet it is an injunction more needed than any other by those just entering the walks of polite literature.—Sounding terms and involved sentences should also be avoided; let the sense be so plain that none can mistake it.

Women must have their wills while they live, because they make none when they die.

Since the Atlas has made peace with Mr Fletcher by eating its own words, its wrath has taken a new direction. It has fallen into a horrid rage with Gov. Hill of New Hampshire, because he has ventured to exhibit some of the ugly bumps on the head of old Federalism, at a democratic meeting in Concord. The Atlas, in keeping with its characteristic habit, distorts and misinterprets the language of Gov. Hill.

Our neighbor would seem to consider it a great misdemeanor for any one to give out to the most distant intimation that a portion of the voters of his country might be operated upon by means of money, or by any unworthy influences. All at once, the Atlas and kindred presses make pretensions to the most reverential views of the independence and incorruptibility of the people! How marvellous this new development of feeling in the minds of the heralds of federalism! But a short while ago these jewels of consistency were proclaiming on every occasion, that the whole country was governed by the power of the office-holders—i. e. that the support rendered to the national administration by the people was not the result of voluntary action, but of a blind stupid subservience of the official agents of that administration. Some of the federal presses in this city, too, a year two since, could talk quite complacently of "the corrupt and corrupting mass of the body politic," &c. But just now, when Mr Hill speaks of the systematic attempts of the high contracting managers of the federal opposition to allure the weak and timid into their measures, the agents and creatures of these men lift their eyes in affected horror at the thought of even the possibility of operating upon the people by corrupt appliances. Shallow and jesuitical are all these new-fangled professions. Bos. Statesman.

These are all matters of recent record, but

From the Eastern Argus.
Augusta, Jan. 10, 1838.

The Senate is the centre of attraction, this morning—it being understood that the opinion of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court, on the questions submitted to them, a few days since, is now in the hands of the President, pro tem.

Immediately after the ceremonies of the morning, the President, pro tem, arose, and read to the Senate the following opinion:—

To the Honorable Senate of the State of Maine.

The undersigned, Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, have taken into consideration the question propounded to them by the Senate, on the 11th inst.

The Constitution has prescribed at what time, by whom, and in what manner the Governor and both branches of the Legislature shall be elected. It has also provided, that the Selectmen of towns shall preside at meetings held for this purpose, and has further charged them with certain duties in receiving, sorting, counting and declaring the votes, and with the assistance of the town clerks, in certifying and making due return of the result, in each town respectively.

In the election of Governor, the returns are to be made to the Secretary's office in each year, thirty days at least before the first Wednesday in January. And on that day the Secretary is required to lay before the Senate and House of Representatives, "to be by them examined, and in case of a choice by a majority of all the votes returned, they shall declare and publish the same." The evidence to be submitted to the two Houses, and the source from which it is to be derived, is prescribed by the Constitution, as the best which could be devised from which to ascertain who, if any one, has received a majority of the suffrages of the electors. The result of this evidence the two Houses are required to declare; and no authority is in terms conferred upon them to receive any other evidence. Nor does it appear to the undersigned, that it is to be derived by fair implication. It would open the door to the admission of testimony of an inferior character, and would expose the most solemn public proceedings and documents to be affected by fraud and perjury. And it received, to vary the returns, the result thereupon declared, would not be that indicated, but so far as they might be affected, one derived from other sources.

This Legislature assembled at the time appointed by the Constitution, to pass such resolves and to enact such laws, as the public good requires. It was evidently contemplated that the organization of the government would speedily be completed, that the Legislature might, as soon as practicable, proceed to the proper business appertaining to that department. A day is appointed, upon which to receive upon whom the election has fallen, if one has been elected by the people. And although, by the general provisions of the Constitution, there may be an adjournment from day to day, until the organization of the government can be completed, it is very manifest, that it was intended, that the result of the votes returned for Governor should be declared, as soon as the two Houses shall have had opportunity to examine the returns; for the Governor is to hold and exercise his powers for one year from the first Wednesday in January. To effect this object, the Constitution has taken care, that on that day the proper evidence shall be laid before the Senate and House of Representatives, from which the result is to be ascertained. If it is competent for them to look elsewhere, for other evidence, upon a suggestion of fraud or mistake; that suggestion may be made by irresponsible persons, from any and from every part of the State, for the mere purpose of delay, by which a decision might be indefinitely protracted, at great expense to the public, while the powers conferred on the Governor elect, for the Constitutional period, are withheld from him, and the public deprived from the benefit of his services.

While an acquisition is going on, as to the purity, integrity and correctness of the proceedings of the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, and of their officers, a portion, if not the whole, of the annual period, for which the Governor is elected, may be consumed and lost. It appears to the undersigned, that upon this construction, there would be great hazard, that the public would be deprived, for a portion of the year, of a regularly organized government; a portion too, embracing that period of time, when the Senate and House of Representatives are required to assemble, for the purpose of legislation. The Constitution would thus be found inadequate to secure to the people, from year to year, the government for which it provides. Another objection may arise, from the difficulty of verifying satisfactorily disputed facts covering a broad field of inquiry, and involving much of the law of evidence, before legislative bodies, brought together and organized for a different purpose, upon which the undersigned forbear to enlarge.

It may be urged that the construction suggested by the undersigned, would leave the public exposed to fraud or mistake, on the part of the Selectmen. It might, we apprehend, be a sufficient answer to say, that it was for the framers of the Constitution to determine whether the exigency of the case required that the returns should be open to be controverted by the two Houses, and made thereupon subject to their revision; and that the existence of this power is negatived, not only by the silence of the Constitution upon this point, but by its express requirement, that the two Houses should declare and publish who, if any one, has a majority of the votes returned.

But the public are not without safeguards and sanctions, for the preservation of the purity

of elections; and if they are found inadequate, they may be strengthened and increased by the legislative power. The Selectmen are the representatives of the people, in the discharge of the duties confided to them. They are selected by them for their capacity, probity and fidelity. Trusts of great importance, bearing upon the immediate interests of the citizens, are committed to their care. They manage the prudentials of their respective towns; and usually also discharge the duties of assessors. No class of public agents are nearer to the people, or receive more unequivocal proofs of their confidence. In regard to elections, they act in the face of the public, subject to vigilant and constant inspection.

There must be faith and credence given to public functionaries, in their proper department, acting under the responsibilities to which they are subjected. Whatever is authenticated by them, in the form prescribed by law, is regarded as evidence of the highest character. It closes all controversy in regard to facts thus verified. This is a principle adopted and practiced upon in courts of justice. Without it, the evils and expense of litigation would be greatly aggravated.

The constitution has provided that the Legislature should be seasonably furnished with the best evidence the nature of the subject admits. The technical rule which requires the best evidence, is not intended to shut out, but to establish, truth. It may be well admitted that it is not a rule which precludes the possibility of errors. Perfection does not belong to the present condition of mankind. It is adopted, because this experience of ages has demonstrated that it is upon the whole most favorable to the establishment of truth. By relaxing it, truth might in a few possible cases be promoted, but it would in a much greater number, be perverted.

If the character and official standing of the selectmen of towns and the publicity of their proceedings, is not a sufficient guaranty for their fidelity and integrity in regard to elections, it is competent for the Legislature to provide other sanctions. This has already been done to some extent, and penalties may be increased at the discretion of the Legislature.

But in making these intimations to the inviolability and conclusive character of the returns, the undersigned doubt not, that it is competent for the two Houses to be satisfied that they come from the proper official sources, and are not forgeries. If, for instance they purport to come from towns or plantations which have no existence, or from persons not clothed with the authority they assume, they are not to be respected as constitutional returns. So also in our judgment, any return may well be rejected as a forgery, if it contains a list of a much greater number of votes, than the town from which it purports to come, or from persons, from the population, have of legal voters.

Upon the whole, the undersigned, in relation to the first question propounded to them, answer, that in their opinion it was not the design of the Constitution, and therefore is not competent for the two branches of the Legislature to admit evidence to prove, that a return of the votes for Governor, given in any city, town or plantation, made to the office of Secretary of State, in the form, and within the time, prescribed by the Constitution of this State, is not what it purports to be; and as a necessary consequence, that the parole testimony which forms the subject of inquiry in the second question, is inadmissible without any qualifications whatever. All which is respectfully submitted.

NATHAN WESTON,
NICHOLAS EMERY,
ETHER SHEPLEY.

January 15, 1838.
Mr. Prince, of Oxford, moved that the Opinion be laid on the table, and that 500 copies be printed for the use of the Senate. This motion was afterwards so amended as to order 1000 copies for the use of the Legislature, and then adopted.

The Joint Committee to contract with Printers for the two Branches have, I learn, unanimously reported the name of Mr. Robinson, of the Age, for the Senate, and Mr. Governor of the Journal, for the House. [Mr. Stevens of Pittsford, has since reported the fact to the House.]

FEDERALISM ALWAYS THE SAME.

The identity of the modern Whig and old Federal parties, says the Globe, has been strikingly shown in a recent debate in the Pennsylvania Convention for altering the Constitution. There are some of the old Federalists who cannot conceal their exultation at the remotest prospect of again coming into power, and in spite of the efforts to keep them quiet, they will break out a little too soon. Judge Horstmann, a veteran with Mr. Webster in that cause, and now a prominent new-born whig, pronounced a speech in the Pennsylvania Convention the 23d of December last, in which the following avowal was openly made, in a debate upon the question touching a repeal of the charter of the United States Bank:

"Much had been said concerning the Federal party; but it was the intelligence of that party which formed the Government, and which understood the Government. And his opinion was, that the Government never can be administered on any other principles than the Federal principles of Washington's administration."

"In times of trouble the intelligence of the prostrate Federal party has been called into action more than once and has saved the country. When the torch of civil war was almost lighted in the South that prostrate party stepped forward, and by their intelligence, prevented the effusion of blood."

"Notwithstanding all the calumnies that have

been uttered against the Federal party, yet they are always at their post in the hour of danger.—Their principles are always invoked to rescue the country from difficulties when it is plunged therein by the rashness of their opponents. AND, in times of difficulty they triumph. AND THEY ARE NOW AGAIN COMING INTO POWER! I see, (said he,) some honest faces present, who are not ashamed to avow themselves Federalists!"

OXFORD BEACONER.

Paris, January 23, 1838.

STATE LEGISLATURE. Up to our latest accounts little had been done in either branch of the Legislature, the time having been mostly occupied in debating the acceptance of the Report on the gubernatorial votes. We are informed that the Senate have so far accepted the Report as to declare Mr. Kent elected. They will now undoubtedly proceed to business with all due despatch. The opinion of the Supreme Court on the question submitted to them we have not had time to examine, as the only copy we have received is in the hands of the printers. It does not however appear to sustain the ground taken by a majority of the Committee, nor to sanction the doctrine contained in the Report. As a member of the Legislature, we could readily have avowed that we were satisfied that Mr. Kent was elected, but not to accept that or sanction the principles therein advanced. We think that the little delay that has been occasioned by asking the opinion of the Supreme Court has been well repaid, as it will be likely to settle a disputed question which has now and heretofore occasioned much dispute and one which it was important that the people should correctly understand. We have not yet received the Governor's Message and it is doubtful whether it arrives in season for this paper.

No little excitement was occasioned here among those who were so fortunate as to be in possession of a few dollars of spare cash, by the news of the failure of the Commonwealth Bank in Boston. Rumor had spread the number broken banks to some half a dozen or more, and Boston money fell considerably below par. The Bank party here began to think that on the whole gold and silver were nearly as good for the common purposes of life as Bank bills. Their fears have somewhat subsided, and their apprehensions have been quieted by learning that only one Bank had absolutely failed. Still it is rather a bad time to get signatures to petitions for the repeal of the small bill law. Every such event tends to open the eyes of the people, and before all the Banks have resumed specie payments, we think that the Bank party will find themselves in a fearful minority. Take the most violent advocate for Bank paper and let him lose a few dollars by the failure of a Bank and it quite loses a few dollars in the cause amazingly. The Commonwealth Bank is reported to have had \$340,000 of Bills in circulation at the time of its failure. Such facts are convincing arguments in favor of a more extensive specie basis than we possess at present. We would not destroy, but we would regulate and strengthen, and protect the people from losses.

CANADA. The proceedings of the British troops on the borders and the outrages they have committed, an account of which we have published, have occasioned much excitement throughout the country. One regiment in two several messages has called the attention of Congress to the subject, and a demand for immediate reparation and redress will undoubtedly be made by our Government. But what reparation can be made for the lives of our citizens butchered in cold blood, to whom the soil and flag of our country afforded no protection? The indignation of the people is justly roused, and although some federal papers are found in this country base enough to palliate such outrages, yet the sympathies of all who deserve the name of American citizens, are with the Canadian Patriots. We have no right to aid them against a nation with whom we are at peace, and we should most sincerely deprecate any measures or acts that would tend to plunge this nation in a war with England, but we wish to see them successful. We hope that the prudence and firmness of the proper authorities will prevent any rupture between the two countries, but we would prefer even war to disgrace.

We are informed that the Store of Crocker & Standish in Sumner, occupied by the latter, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night and all the goods therein consumed. We understand that the fire was discovered about three o'clock in the morning when the whole store was so wrapped in flames that nothing could be saved except the desk containing some notes and papers. The books of the Company were lost. We have not heard as what amount the loss is estimated. The goods were insured to the amount of \$1500, and the Store for \$250.

We learn from the Augusta Journal of Saturday Morning that the Governor was qualified on Friday afternoon. The message was probably delivered on Saturday. We shall not be able to receive it in season for this paper. Samuel P. Benson was chosen Secretary of the Legislature.

Legislature of Maine.

IN SENATE.

Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Mr. EMERY in the Chair.

Mr. SOULE presented the following order:

Ordered, That—

with such as the House

may join, be a Committee to consider the expediency of suspending or repealing the provisions of the Act, entitled an "Act to regulate Banks, by prohibiting the emission and circulation of Bank bills or notes of a small denomination," prohibiting the Banks of this State from issuing Bills of a less denomination than five dollars. The order on motion of Mr. HAST was laid on the table, and passed; and Messrs Soles, Barnard and Ham were appointed this committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. GREENE presented the following order.

Ordered, That—

with such as the House

may join, be a committee to inquire into the expediency of so altering the Act entitled an "Act providing for the disposition and repayment of the public money, appropriated to the State of Maine, or deposited by the Government of the United States," as to authorize the State to distribute the portions received by them per capita, among the inhabitants thereof.

The order passed, and Messrs. Greene, Belcher and Lake were appointed this committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. LAKE presented the following order.

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay before the Board of all the votes (if any there be,) that have been received at his office, and not heretofore laid before the board. Passed.

On motion of Mr. DEXTER, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, Jan. 15.

Mr. Goodnow of Paris, presented the following Order:

Ordered, that the following be considered as one of the standing rules and orders of the House:

Each and every report of a Committee of the House shall be accompanied by a bill or resolution embracing the result to which the Committee has arrived, and there shall be no question as to the acceptance or non acceptance of the report.

Mr. Goodnow presented a similar order relative to Joint Standing Committees.

The above orders were referred to the Committee on Rules and Orders.

Mr. FOX of Portland, presented the petition of Moses Hale and others, inhabitants of Westbrook, to be set off to Portland. Laid on the table.

Mr. Graves presented the petition of the inhabitants of Westbrook, and all others interested in the petition of Moses Hale and others, to be set off from Westbrook, to Portland, by publishing a copy of said petition in the Advertiser, and Argus, three weeks successively, the first publication to be within ten days from the present date.

The above Order was subsequently amended on motion of Mr. Hamlin, so as to send to the Senate for concurrence.

The Chair announced the following Standing Committees of the House:

On leave of Absence.—Messrs Chaplin of Waterford, Turner of Mills, Porter of Cheshire, Fuller of Boothbay, Flint of Baldwin, Frisbee of Kittery, and Hayford of Canton.

On Finance.—Messrs Fox of Portland, Caine of Alfred, Sheldon of Gardiner, Goodnow of Paris, McMillan of Eastport, McCullis of Belfast, and Coburn of Bloomfield.

On Change of Names.—Messrs Pennell of New-Portland, Graves of Trenton, and Neal of Litchfield.

On County Estimates.—Messrs Carle of Hallowell, Marble of Poland, Holt of Eriemore, O'Brien of Warren, Smiley of Sidney, of Atkinson, and Harris of East-Machias.

On Engrossed Bills.—Messrs Appleton of Portland, Shapley of Elliot, Read of Phillips, Miller of Brownfield, Tobey of Athens, Weeks of Clinton, and Roberts of Guilford.

Bills in the Third Reading.—Messrs Vose of Augusta, Hamlin of Hampden, Hubbard of Winslow, Desiderius of Baileyville, North of Canaan, Rawson of Rumford, and Kimball of Litchfield.

Mr. Desiderius was at his request, excused from serving on the above Committee.

On motion of Mr. Sheldon, Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee, consisting of ten on the part of the House, be raised to take into consideration of the subject of our North Eastern Boundary, and report by Resolve or otherwise.

Petitions—for a repeal of the small bill law, were received and referred to the Joint Select Committee, who have the subject under consideration. Adjourned.

IN SENATE.

Friday, Jan. 19.

A petition of certain inhabitants of Paris, praying to be annexed to Oxford came from the House with notice ordered and the Senate concurred.

Sundry petitions for the repeal of the small Bill Law were referred in concurrence.

The President announced the Standing Committees of the Senate as follows:

On Bills in second Reading.—Messrs Hamlin, Woodman, Greene, Randall, Barnard, Boutelle, Belcher, Dumont, T. Robinson, Emery, Stearns and Osgood.

On Engrossed Bills.—Messrs Mildram, Soule, Woodbury, Jaques, E. Robinson, Heagan, Smart, Lake, Whipple, Higgins, Fletcher and Prince.

Joint Standing Committee on the part of the Senate.

On the Judiciary.—Messrs Boutelle, Osgood and Higgins.

Literature and Literary Institutions.—Messrs Ham, T. Robinson and Dumont.

Banks and Banking.—Messrs Greene, E. Robinson and Prince.

Incorporations.—Messrs Woodbury, Smart and Fletcher.

Division of Towns.—Messrs Heagan, Emery and Jaques.

State Lands.—Messrs Barnard, Woodman and Emery.

State Roads.—Messrs Woodman, Steward and Soule.

State Prison.—Messrs E. Robinson, Mildram and Steward.

Railroads and Canals.—Messrs Randall, Belcher and Prince.

Roads and Bridges.—Messrs Fletcher, Woodman and Heagan.

Interior Waters.—Messrs Prince, Woodbury and Lake.

Militia.—Messrs Emery, Lake and Dumont.

Agriculture.—Messrs Belcher, Smart and Woodman.

Manufactures.—Messrs Higgins, Woodman and Barnard.

Accounts.—Messrs Mildram, Prince and Fletcher.

Parishes.—Messrs Soule, E. Robinson and Jaques.

Claims.—Messrs Osgood, Randall and Soule.

Public Buildings.—Messrs Dumont, Randall and Whipple.

Interior Fishers.—Messrs Lake, Jaques and Heagan.

Military Pensions.—Messrs Steward, Ham and Whipple.

Divisions and Alteration of Counties.—Messrs Smart, Belcher and Osgood.

Liberty.—Messrs T. Robinson and Greene.

Adj. till 2 o'clock P. M.

IN THE HOUSE.

Friday, Jan. 19.

Mr. COOMAN of Portland, from the Committee appointed on the part of the House to inform the Hon. EDWARD KENT of Bangor that he had been constitutionally elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year, and that the two Houses would go into Convention to administer to him the customary oaths of office, announced to the House, that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned them, and that the Hon. EDWARD KENT had been pleased to signify his acceptance of the trust reposed in him, and that he would attend the Convention of the two Houses at half past two o'clock this afternoon, to take and subscribe the oaths necessary for entering on the discharge of the duties of his office.

Adj. till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON.

A message was received from the Senate proposing a convention of the two Houses, in the Hall of the House of Representatives at half past two o'clock, for the purpose of qualifying the Governor elect. The House concurred, and a message to that effect having been sent at half past two the Senate entered the Representatives Hall.

IN CONVENTION.

The President of the Senate in the Chair.

On motion of Mr. BOUTELLE of the Senate, Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor elect informing him that the two Houses were now in Convention in the Representatives Hall, and prepared to administer to him the necessary oaths of his office; and Mr. Boutelle was charged with the delivering of the message.

The Governor elect, accompanied by Col. Bachelder, Deputy Sheriff of Mecklenburg, the late Governor and Council, and heads of the Executive department forthwith came in and in presence of the two Houses took and subscribed the oaths of his office, which were administered by the President of the Convention.

Whereupon the Secretary of State made proclamation that Edward Kent is Governor and Commander in Chief of Maine, and that, to his legal acts as such, due obedience is to be observed.

The Convention then separated.

IN THE HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN of Hampden, Ordered, That Messrs Hamlin of Hampden, Gardiner of Waterville, Goodnow of Paris, Hamlet of Dresden, and Buxton of North Yarmouth, with such as the Senate may join, be a committee to wait on Edward Kent, Governor of Maine, and inform him that the two Houses of the Legislature are now in session, and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Sent up for concurrence.

Agreeably to a concurrent vote, the two Houses went into Convention at 3 o'clock for the purpose of choosing seven Councillors, a Treasurer and Secretary of State, for the current political year; and Messrs Belcher, Lake and Whipple of the Senate, Dunlap, Levenseller, Allen of Oxford, Butler, and Lord of Kennebunk, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Councillors.

A committee, consisting of Messrs Woodman and Stewart of the Senate, and Messrs Prescott, Sawyer and Webster of the House, was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of State, and having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of votes given in was

Necessary to a choice

Samuel P. Benson has

Asaph R. Nichols

The report was accepted, and Samuel P. Benson declared duly elected Secretary of State.

A committee, consisting of Messrs Barnard and Smart of the Senate, and Messrs Craig, Desiderius and Soule of the House, was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Treasurer of State, and having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of votes given in was

Necessary to a choice

James B. Caloone has

William Hammond

Scattering

The report was accepted, and James B. Caloone was declared to be duly elected Treasurer of State.

The committee appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Councillors, having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of votes to be

Necessary to a choice

Daniel W. Lynd has

Tappan Robt

Sennel Gray

Asher Hinds

John L. Blake

William Pope

Deshrod W. Hinkley

Henry Hobbs

Domitius Jordan

Josiah Merrow

Benjamin F. Eastman

Alfred Marshall

Stephen C. Foster

John Burnham

Scattering
The Report was accepted. Whereupon
the President declared that Daniel W. Lord,
Toppin Robie, Sam'l Gray, John L. Blake,
Win. Pope and Bushrod W. Hinkley, having
received the requisite number of votes, were
declared elected Councilors, and that there was one
vacancy.
The convention then proceeded to ballot
for the purpose of filling the vacancy.
On the second ballot the committee reported
that the whole number of votes given in
was
Necessary to a choice 201
Asher Hinds has 96
Alfred Marshall 87
John Otis 11
The report was accepted, and the President
declared there was no choice.
On motion of Mr. Tenney the convention
then separated.
The House then Adj. till 10 o'clock to-mor-
row morning.
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
A PROCLAMATION.
WHEREAS, information having been received
of a dangerous excitement on the northern
frontiers of the United States, in consequence
of the civil war begun in Canada, and in-
structions having been given to the U. S. officers on
that frontier, and applications having been made
to the governors of the adjoining States to pre-
vent any unlawful interference on the part of
our citizens in the contest unfortunately com-
menced in the British Provinces; additional
information has just been received, that not-
withstanding the proclamations of the Governors
of the States of New York and Vermont, ex-
horting their citizens to refrain from any un-
lawful acts within the territory of the United States,
and notwithstanding the presence of the civil
officers of the U. S., who, by my directions,
have visited the scenes of commotion with the
view of suppressing the excitement, instead of
being appeased, every day increasing in degree
the threats and imitations of war, and other
supplies have been procured by the insurgents
in the United States, that military force, con-
sisting in part at least, of citizens of the United
States, had been actually organized, and con-
gregated at Navy Island, and were still in arms
under the command of a citizen of the United
States, and that they were constantly receiving
accessions and aid;
Now, therefore, to the end that the authority
of laws may be maintained, and the faith of
treaties observed, I, MARTIN VAN BUREN, do
most earnestly exhort all citizens of the U-
nited States who have thus violated their duties,
to return peaceably to their respective homes;
and I hereby warn them that any persons who
shall compromise the neutrality of this Govern-
ment by interfering in an unlawful manner with
the affairs of the neighboring British Provinces,
will render themselves liable to arrest and pun-
ishment under the laws of the United States,
which will be rigidly enforced; and, also, that
they will receive no aid or countenance from
their Government into whatever difficulties they
may be thrown by the violation of the laws of
their country, and of the territory of a neigh-
boring and friendly nation.
Given under my hand at the city of Washington,
the fifth day of January, A. D. 1835, and
the sixty-second year of the independence of
the United States.
By the President:
JOHN FORSYTH, Secretary of State.
A SECOND MESSAGE—DEFENCE
OF THE FRONTIER.
The following message was sent to the House
of Representatives, (the Senate not being in
session) on Monday 8th inst. upon the receipt
by the President of information of the outrage
committed by the British at Schlosser. After
reading the message, the House resolved, as
to the appropriation of the money as related
to the outrage, and so much as relates to
Foreign Affairs, to the Committee on that
subject.
To the Senate and
House of Representatives, United States.
In the highly excited state of feeling on the
northern frontier, occasioned by the distur-
bances in Canada, it was to be apprehended that
causes of complaint might arise on the line
dividing the U. S. from her British Majesty's
dominions. Every precaution was therefore
taken on our part authorized by the existing
laws, and as the troops of the provinces were
embodied on the Canadian side, it was hoped
that no serious violation of the rights of the U-
S. would be permitted to occur. I regret, how-
ever, to inform you that an outrage of a most
aggravated character has been committed, ac-
companied by a hostile though temporary
invasion of our territory, producing the strong-
est feelings of resentment on the part of our
citizens in the neighborhood, and on the whole
border line, and that the excitement previously
existing has been alarmingly increased. To
guard against the possible recurrence of any
similar act, I have thought it indispensable to
call out a portion of the militia to be posted on
that frontier. The documents herewith pre-
sented to Congress, show the character of the
outrage committed, the measures taken in con-
sequence of its occurrence, and the necessity
for resorting to them.
It will also be seen that the subject was im-
mediately brought to the notice of the British
minister accredited to this country, and the ample
satisfaction and atonement should be in-

proper steps taken on our part to obtain the
fullest information of all the circumstances lead-
ing to and attendant upon the transaction, pre-
paratory to a demand for reparation. I ask
such appropriations as the circumstances in
which our country is thus unexpectedly placed
require.
M. VAN BUREN.
Washington, Jan. 8, 1835.
Tuesday, Jan. 9. In SENATE, the message
of the President in relation to the late British
outrage on our territory was received and re-
ferred—so much thereof as relates to an ap-
propriation to the Committee on Finance, and
the remainder to the Committee on Foreign
Relations.
In the House various bills were reported
from the Committees.
Mr. DAVIS submitted the following resolu-
tion:
Resolved, That the President of the United
States be requested to communicate to this
House what measures, if any, have been taken
by the Executive for the release of Mr. Greely,
a citizen of Maine, now imprisoned in the Prov-
ince of New Brunswick, at Fredericksburg, for
an alleged violation of the jurisdiction of said
Province, over the territory claimed by the
British Government, and also to communicate
any correspondence which the Executive De-
partment may have had with the British Gov-
ernment, or the Executive of Maine, as a com-
munication of the same may be deemed by
him not incompatible with the public interest.
Mr. CUSHING offered the following amend-
ment, which was agreed to:—
"And that the President of the United States
be requested, if it be not in his judgment in-
compatible with the public interest, to com-
municate to this House, any correspondence or
communication held between the Government
of the United States and that of Great Britain
at different times, respecting the wardenship,
occupation, or actual possession of that part of
the territory of the State of Maine which is
claimed by Great Britain."
The resolution, as thus amended, was then
agreed to.
Wednesday, Jan. 10. In SENATE the
Chair presented a report from the Secretary of
War relative to the state of defenses on our
Northern and Eastern frontiers, accompanied by
a communication from General Scott on the
same subject, and other documents; ordered,
with 1,500 extra copies to be printed.
[We suppose this report to contain the in-
formation called for by the resolution of Mr.
Williams adopted near the close of the special
session.]
Canadian News.
EVENTS ON THE FRONTIER—
FURTHER DETAILS.
The story at Buffalo on the 31st ult. was that
the British had landed on Grand Island—three
hundred men were sent from Buffalo to re-
pulse them. It was subsequently ascertained
that the report of the landing was untrue.
In a correspondence between the U. S. Dis-
trict Attorney and Col. McNab, of a date prior
to the attack on the steamboat, the latter
gave the most positive assurance that no man
under his command should appear on the An-
merican soil in hostile guise, and furthermore,
authorized the American authorities to treat
any British subject who should do so, as an
outlaw.
The funeral of Durfee (killed on board the
Caroline) was attended on the 31st by upwards
of 2000 persons. Prayers and appropriate ad-
dresses were made.
A gentleman who left Schlosser at 5 o'clock
on Saturday, 30th ult. gives information at Buf-
falo that an officer left Chippewa on Friday for
Toronto, for the purpose of obtaining the con-
sent of Gov. Head to attack Navy Island on
Monday night.
The Rochester Democrat of the 1st says—
"There was a large meeting at Lewiston on
Saturday evening. The militia were gathered
on Sunday morning.
There were 100 under arms at Lockport, at
10 o'clock, on Sunday, and they were consid-
erably augmented. They were to proceed to
Schlosser.
In every town between Buffalo and this city,
the most intense excitement prevails. At an
hour's notice 10,000 men could be marched
to the frontier to defend honor, property and
life."
Gov. Head was at Land's Lane on the
30th Dec. with not far from 4000 men and
800 Indians he is said to have secured both
lakes and to have collected over 100 boats to
attack Navy Island. The amount of force on
the island is given as 1600 men and twenty
pieces of artillery and abundance of ammu-
nition. It was calculated that an ex-
change of Indian presents might take place be-
tween the parties on New Year's day.
It is said that 400 men passed on to Navy
Island on Saturday morning, where fighting
and blood was started by the audacious aggres-
sions at Schlosser.
The meeting at Albany, on Thursday, was
very large and animated. It is estimated that
between five and six thousand persons were
present, and thousands were in the Park, un-
der the trees. The Mayor of the city
presided. The meeting subsequently adjourned
to the Park, where eloquent speeches were
made and resolutions passed, the character of
which may be inferred from the subjoined spec-
imens:—
Resolved, That, acknowledging the obligations
of neutrality on our own part, we also insist
upon the fulfillment on the part of others, and
avow our most solemn conviction, that full and
ample satisfaction and atonement should be in-

During the firing Saturday night, some good
shots were made by the Tories. One ball struck
within ten feet of Van Rensselaer, and another
appeared altogether too willing to scrape an ac-
quaintance with McKenzie. But neither the
one or the other, or any one else on the island,
were injured.
It is considered quite certain that it was the
intention of the royalists to have attacked the
Island on Sunday morning—but that the plan
was frustrated by the refusal of McNabb's
troops to embark in the expedition.
It is reported that Gov. Head, who at first
expressed disapprobation of the outrage at
Schlosser, now justifies it, and that he has made
assurances to the parties concerned that they
shall not be surrendered to answer to our laws.
A young man named Beebe, who had
inevitably exposed himself on Navy Island,
was killed on Thursday, by a cannon shot from
the Canada shore. This is the first death
which has occurred on the island.
It is reported that McNabb and the celebra-
ted Maj. Kirby have resigned their commands.
From the National Intelligencer of Thursday.
Disastrous News from Florida.
The following, by the express mail of yester-
day, are all the particulars that have reached
us.
SAVANNAH, Jan. 6, 1835.
From Capt. Mills, of the steamer Camden,
arrived this morning, we learn that on the 28th
ult. between Pass Creek and the Big Cypress
swamp, a small party of Indians were seen and
pursued, and when the pursuing party reached
the hammock, the Indians were discovered in
great force, and a severe contest immediately
ensued, in which twenty-eight of our gallant
troops were killed, and one hundred and eleven
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for the purpose of filling the vacancy.
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that the whole number of votes given in
was
Necessary to a choice 201
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On motion of Mr. Tenney the convention
then separated.
The House then Adj. till 10 o'clock to-mor-
row morning.
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A PROCLAMATION.
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that frontier, and applications having been made
to the governors of the adjoining States to pre-
vent any unlawful interference on the part of
our citizens in the contest unfortunately com-
menced in the British Provinces; additional
information has just been received, that not-
withstanding the proclamations of the Governors
of the States of New York and Vermont, ex-
horting their citizens to refrain from any un-
lawful acts within the territory of the United States,
and notwithstanding the presence of the civil
officers of the U. S., who, by my directions,
have visited the scenes of commotion with the
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the threats and imitations of war, and other
supplies have been procured by the insurgents
in the United States, that military force, con-
sisting in part at least, of citizens of the United
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gregated at Navy Island, and were still in arms
under the command of a citizen of the United
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Now, therefore, to the end that the authority
of laws may be maintained, and the faith of
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most earnestly exhort all citizens of the U-
nited States who have thus violated their duties,
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A SECOND MESSAGE—DEFENCE
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The following message was sent to the House
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to the appropriation of the money as related
to the outrage, and so much as relates to
Foreign Affairs, to the Committee on that
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To the Senate and
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In the highly excited state of feeling on the
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dividing the U. S. from her British Majesty's
dominions. Every precaution was therefore
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laws, and as the troops of the provinces were
embodied on the Canadian side, it was hoped
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S. would be permitted to occur. I regret, how-
ever, to inform you that an outrage of a most
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est feelings of resentment on the part of our
citizens in the neighborhood, and on the whole
border line, and that the excitement previously
existing has been alarmingly increased. To
guard against the possible recurrence of any
similar act, I have thought it indispensable to
call out a portion of the militia to be posted on
that frontier. The documents herewith pre-
sented to Congress, show the character of the
outrage committed, the measures taken in con-
sequence of its occurrence, and the necessity
for resorting to them.
It will also be seen that the subject was im-
mediately brought to the notice of the British
minister accredited to this country, and the ample
satisfaction and atonement should be in-

During the firing Saturday night, some good
shots were made by the Tories. One ball struck
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quaintance with McKenzie. But neither the
one or the other, or any one else on the island,
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It is considered quite certain that it was the
intention of the royalists to have attacked the
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From the National Intelligencer of Thursday.
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THE MESSAGE. The following is the Message sent to Congress on the 5th by the President, in relation to the disturbances on the Northern Frontier:—

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States: Recent experience on the southern boundary of the United States, and the events now daily occurring on our northern frontier, have abundantly shown that the existing laws are insufficient to guard against the hostile invasion, from the United States, of the territory of friendly and neighboring nations.

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Your attention is called to this defect in our legislation. It is apparent that the Executive ought to be clothed with adequate power effectually to restrain all persons within our jurisdiction from the commission of acts of this character. They tend to disturb the peace of the country, and inevitably involve the Government in perplexing controversies with foreign powers. I recommend a careful revision of all the laws now in force, and such additional enactments as may be necessary to vest in the Executive full power to prevent injuries being inflicted upon neighboring nations by the unauthorized and unlawful acts of citizens of the U. States, or other persons who may be within our jurisdiction, and subject to our control.

In illustration of these views, and to show the necessity of an early action on the part of Congress, I submit herewith a copy of a letter received from the Marshall of the northern district of New York, who had been directed to repair to the frontier, and take all authorized measures to secure the faithful execution of existing laws.

M. VAN BUREN.
Washington, January 5, 1838.

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Wanted Immediately.

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Norway-Village, Dec. 1837. JOHN CASEY. 20

FOUND in the road near South Paris, on the 27th of December last, a Meal Bag containing several articles but clothing. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying charges.

South Paris, Jan. 5th, 1838. LEVI BARBOUR. 21

For Sale,

THE FARM formerly owned by the late MEXANIAN House in Paris, Maine—consists of about 170 acres of land of excellent quality, suitably divided into mowing, pasture and wood-land—on which is about one a two-story House—Barn 100 by 30 ft.—25 feet sheds. A good well for the House, and an excellent aqueduct with an abundant supply of water for the Barn. The Orchard is beautiful and thrifty, and of choice england fruit.

Said farm is well watered and under good improvement—contains about 50 tons of good English Hay, and has pasturing for 50 head of cattle, and is probably one of the best SHEEP farms in the State. There is also an old farm a first rate Mill Privilege.

Terms—One third Cash, and the residue in three, nine, and twelve months.

SIMON S. STREYENS, or
R. K. GOODENOW.

Paris, Maine, July 19, 1836. 40

It is believed that, for the last six or eight years, if not longer, no grown up said farm amounting, annually, in value to from \$160 to \$300

County of Oxford to Job Prince Dr.

For services as County Commissioner.

1837 March 29. To one day to appoint agents to take the census in the unincorporated Townships in said County, pursuant to an Act of March 2d, 1837.

Travel from Turner to Paris & home, 34 miles.

May 2. To travel from Turner to Brunswick on Pet. of Daniel Bone and als. 55 miles.

To one day viewing on said Pet.

" 8. To travel from Brunswick to Hiram and back to Brunswick on Pet. of Joseph Brown and als. being a joint view with Cumberland Commission-ers 5 miles.

To 3 days viewing, hearing the parties and adjudicating on said Pet.

" 6. To one day hearing the parties and adjudicating on said Pet.

" 10. To travel from Brunswick to Messrs Hutchins Jr. in Lovel on Pet. of Wm. Lebarrow and als. 16 miles.

To three days viewing hearing the parties and adjudicating on said Pet.

" 13. To travel from said Hutchins to Bassett's Tavern in Lovel on Pet. of James Walker and als. 2 miles.

To 1 day on said Pet.

To travel home to Turner 40 miles.

1 day assessing Tax on Township No. 6.

June 13. To travel from Turner to Zury Robinson's in Summer on Pet. of John Moulton and als. 14 miles.

To three days viewing hearing the parties and adjudicating on said Pet.

To travel from David W. Corlis's in Summer home, 10 miles.

To 4 days making plans and reports.

569.70

Oxford, ss: June 23, 1837. Personally appeared Job Prince and made oath that the within account by him subscribed is true as to time and charges, and as to distance according to his best knowledge and belief.

Before me, J. G. COLE, Clerk.

County of Oxford to Abel Gibson Dr.

For services as County Commissioner.

March 28. To travel from Brunswick to Paris Court House and home, 72 miles.

" 29. To one day appointing agents to take the census in unincorporated places in said County.

May 2. To travel from my house to Zuck, Miller's in Brunswick and home, twice on Pet. of Daniel Bone & others, 10 miles.

To 2 days attendance on said Pet.

" 6. To travel from Brunswick to John Kimball's in Hiram and home on Pet. of Joseph Brown and others, on a joint view with Cumberland County Commissioners, 20 miles.

To 3 days attendance on said petition.

" 19. To travel from Brunswick to Moses Hutchins Jr. in Lovel on Pet. of Wm. Lebarrow and others, 14 miles.

To three days attendance on said Pet.

" 13. To travel from Moses Hutchins Jr. to Joseph Brown's in Lovel and home on Pet. of James Walker Jr. and others, 15 miles, and 1 day attendance.

June 12. To travel from Brunswick to Zury Robinson's in Summer and home on Pet. of John Moulton & others, 98 miles.

" 13 & 14. To 1-2-3 days attendance on said Pet.

556.46

Oxford, ss: June 22, 1837. Personally appeared Abel Gibson and made oath that the foregoing account by him subscribed is true as to time and charges, and as to distance, according to his best knowledge and belief.

Before me, J. G. COLE, Clerk.

County of Oxford to John Hearsey Dr.

For services as County Commissioner.

March 29. To one day to appoint agents to take the census in unincorporated places in said County.

April 2. To travel to and from Paris 40 miles.

May 2. To travel from home to Brunswick on Pet. of Daniel Bone and als. 55.

To one day viewing on said Pet.

" 5. To travel from Brunswick to Hiram on Pet. of Joseph Brown & als. 73 miles.

To 3 days viewing and hearing the parties jointly with the Commissioners of Cumberland Co.

To travel from Hiram to Zury Robinson's, 73 miles.

To 5 hearing the parties on Pet. of Daniel Bone and als. and adjudicating on same one day.

" 10. To travel from Brunswick to Moses Hutchins Jr. in Lovel on Pet. of Wm. Lebarrow and als. 16 miles.

To three days viewing, hearing the parties, &c. on said Pet.

To travel from said Hutchins to Bassett's Tavern in Lovel, 2 miles, on Pet. of James Walker.

To 1 day on said Pet.

To travel home on said Pet. 43 miles.

June 13. To 1 day assessing Tax on Township No. 6.

To travel from home to Zury Robinson's in Summer, on Pet. of John Moulton and als. 14 miles.

To three days viewing, hearing the parties and adjudicating on said Pet.

To travel from David W. Corlis's home on said Pet. 12 miles.

569.60

Oxford, ss: June 22, 1837. Personally appeared John Hearsey and made oath that the foregoing account by him subscribed is true as to time and charges, and as to distance, according to his best knowledge and belief.

Before me, J. G. COLE, Clerk.

County of Oxford to Job Prince Dr.

For services as County Commissioner.

July 4. To travel from Turner to Denmark and home on Pet. of Committee of town of Denmark, 90 miles.

Sept. 12. To travel from Turner to Rumford on Pet. of Lyman Rawson and als. 30 miles.

" 15. To travel from Andover to Bethel on Pet. of James Walker and als. 18 miles.

To four days hearing parties and locating.

" 25. To travel from Greenwood to Paris and back to Greenwood to adjourn, on Pet. of Committee of town of Paris and 1 day.

" 26. To travel from John's Corner in Norway to Eleazar Dunham Jr.'s, in Paris on Pet. of Committee of the town of Paris 10 miles.

To viewing and hearing the parties 34 days.

To travel from said Dunham to Baldwin and back on Pet. of Ephraim Flint and als. being a joint view with Cumberland Commissioners, 128 miles.

To 11 days viewing, hearing the parties and locating on said Pet.

" 10. To travel from Turner to Buckfield and home on Pet. of Isaac Chase and als. 16 miles.

To one day viewing, hearing the parties.

" 11. To travel from Turner to Jay on Pet. of N. Crafts and als.

To one day viewing on said petition.

" 12. To travel from Jay to Rumford on Pet. of Lyman Rawson and als. being an adjourned meeting, 22 miles.

To 1 day viewing and adjudicating on said Pet.

To travel home 30 miles.

" 16. To travel from S. Paris to S. Paris on Pet. of Committee of the town of Paris, being an adjourned meeting.

" 18. To travel from S. Paris to David Morrill's in Summer, on Pet. of said Morrill and als. 18 miles.

To three days viewing, hearing the parties and adjudicating on said Pet.

To one day locating on Pet. of Isaac Chase and als.

To travel from Jones, Buck's in Buckfield and home on Pet. of said Morrill and als. 18 miles.

To 24 days viewing, hearing the parties and locating on said Pet.

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To one day making Reports and plans.

1660.50

The foregoing account is true as to time and distance charged according to my best knowledge and belief.

Oxford, ss: Nov. 22, 1837. Sworn to Before me, J. G. COLE, Clerk.

County of Oxford to Abel Gibson Dr.

For services as County Commissioner.

To travel from Brunswick to Samuel Gibson's in Denmark and home on Pet. of Samuel Gibson & als. 16 miles.

July 6. To 2 days services on said Pet.

Sept. 25. To travel from Brunswick to Jos. Hall's in Rumford on Pet. of Lyman Rawson and als. 57 miles.

" 13. To 2 days attendance on said petition, and adjourned.

" 16. To travel from Andover to James Walker's in Bethel 18 miles, on Pet. of James Walker.

" 20. To 4 days attendance on said Pet.

" 26. To 6 days attendance on Pet. of Frederick Colburn and als.

To travel from David Noyes's in Norway to Eleazar Dunham Jr.'s, in Paris on Pet. of John Porter and als. and home 46 miles—adjourned.

To travel from Brunswick to Paris Court agreeable to adjournment 32 miles.

" 28. To 7 days attendance on said Pet.

Oct. 2. To travel from Brunswick to Richard Fitch in Baldwin and home, on Pet. of Ephraim Flint & others, being a joint view with Cumberland County Commissioners, 25 miles.

" 3. To 13 days attendance on said Pet.

To travel from Brunswick to Brigham's tavern in Brunswick on Pet. of Isaac Chase and others, 43 miles.

" 10. To 2 days attendance on said petition.

" travel from Buckfield to Jay hill on Pet. of N. Crafts and als. 18 miles, and one day attendance on said Pet.

To travel from Jay hill to Jos. Hall's in Rumford on Pet. of Lyman Rawson and als. agreeable to adjournment, and from said Hall's home 88 ms.

" 12. To 14 days attendance on said Pet.

To travel from Paris Cape to David Morrill's in Summer, on Pet. of David Morrill and others 18 miles.

" 18. To three days attendance on said Pet.

To travel from Brunswick to Flagstaff mills on the Dead River in Somerset Co. on Pet. of Joshua Gustin and als. being a joint view with Somerset Co. Commissioners, 86 miles.

" 24. To one day on said Pet.

To travel from said Flagstaff home 128 miles.

1519.17

The foregoing account is true as to time and distance charged according to my best knowledge and belief.

Oxford, ss: Nov. 2, 1837. Sworn to, Before me, J. G. COLE, Clerk.

County of Oxford to John Hearsey Dr.

For services as County Commissioner.

July 6. To travel to Denmark and home on Pet. of Committee of Denmark 100 miles.

Sept. 13. To travel to Joseph Hall's in Rumford on Pet. of Lyman Rawson and als. 16 miles.

To 2 days on same.

" 16. To travel from Andover to James Walker's in Bethel on Pet. of James Walker and als.

To 4 days on Pet. of James Walker and als.

" 20. To 6 days on Pet. of Frederick Colburn and als. locating on Pet. of Fred. Colburn and als.

" 26. To travel from David Noyes's in Norway to Eleazar Dunham Jr.'s in Paris on Pet. of John Porter & als. Committee of Paris, 46 miles.

To 5 days on said Pet. before adjournment.

Oct. 3. To travel from said Paris to Baldwin on Pet. of Ephraim Flint and als. 48 miles.

To 14 days viewing, hearing parties and locating on same.

To travel from Hiram home on same, 66 miles.

" 10. To travel to Buckfield on Pet. of Isaac Chase and als. 15 miles.

To one day on same viewing and hearing parties.

" 11. To one day on Pet. of Nathan Crafts, by adjournment.

To travel from Jay home, 6 miles.

" 12. To travel from home to Joseph Hall's in Rumford and back, on Pet. of Lyman Rawson, by adjournment, 32 miles.

To 13 days on same.

" 16. To travel from home to S. Paris on Pet. of John Porter and als. 22 miles.

To 2 days on same on adjournment.

" 18. To travel from S. Paris to David Morrill's in Summer on Pet. of said Morrill and als. 13 miles.

To travel from Jones, Bucks home on same, 15 miles.

To three days viewing and hearing the parties.

" 24. To travel from home to Flagstaff on Dead River and back again on Pet. of Joshua Gustin and als. 145 miles.

To 34 days on same.

1519.40

The foregoing account is true as to time and distance charged, according to my best knowledge and belief.

Oxford, ss: Nov. 3, 1837. Sworn to before me, J. G. COLE, Clerk.

County Commissioner's Court.

Job Prince, travel 40 miles \$4, attendance 3 days \$9 13.00

Abel Gibson, " 90 " \$9 " 3 " \$9 18.00

John Hearsey " 40 " \$4 " 3 " \$9 13.00

October Term, A. D. 1837.

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The foregoing accounts were generally examined, audited and amount certified by the County Auditor and Clerk agreeably to the Acts, and are truly copied by

CLERK'S OFFICE, J. G. COLE, Clerk.

Co. of Oxford, Dec. 26, 1847.

Sheriff's Sale.

Oxford, ss: TAKEN on sundry Executions, the same having been previously attached on the writs, and will be sold at Public Vendue at the Inn of O. S. Coffran in Waterford in said County, at the fifth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the afternoon, all the right in equity that Summer Stone has in and to redeem a parcel of real estate situated in the upper Village, so are now occupied by Oliver S. Coffran for a tavern, and being the same premises that said Stone conveyed to Daniel Brown, Esq. by mortgage deed, dated the sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, to secure the payment of fifteen hundred dollars, payable one fourth in three months; one fourth in six months; one fourth in nine months; and one fourth in three years from the date of said mortgage deed, with interest annually. Also place, at Public Vendue, all the right in equity that said Stone has in and to a certain farm situated in the easterly part of said Waterford, being the same farm that said Stone conveyed by mortgage deed to William G. Whitney, Esq. dated the thirteenth day of June A. D. 1832, to secure the payment of seven hundred and fifty-seven dollars, payable in two years with interest annually. Reference being had to the above mentioned deeds for a more particular description of both said parcels of land.

SAMUEL PLUMMER, Deputy Sheriff.

Waterford, Dec. 13, 1837. 3w18

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Oxford, ss: TAKEN on Execution, and will be sold at Public Auction at the Store of Nehemiah G. Rice, in Brunswick, on the twenty-third day of January next, A. D. 1838, at ten o'clock A. M. all the right in equity which John Folsom of Mayfield, in said County has (or had) in and to the right in equity which said Folsom conveyed to John Folsom of Mayfield, in said County, by mortgage deed, dated the sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, to secure the payment of fifteen hundred dollars, payable one fourth in three months; one fourth in six months; one fourth in nine months; and one fourth in three years from the date of said mortgage deed, with interest annually. Also place, at Public Vendue, all the right in equity that said Stone has in and to a certain farm situated in the easterly part of said Waterford, being the same farm that said Stone conveyed by mortgage deed to William G. Whitney, Esq. dated the thirteenth day of June A. D. 1832, to secure the payment of seven hundred and fifty-seven dollars, payable in two years with interest annually. Reference being had to the above mentioned deeds for a more particular description of both said parcels of land.

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